

## **Sound Off Now! To the MISSISSIPPI HOUSE -SB2821**

***Dog owners, breeders, rescuers were not a part of the "COMPROMISE" between MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU AND THE HSUS." We were not even asked to sit at the table when they conspired against us! WE ARE ON THEIR MENU AS THE HSUS WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING WE CARE ABOUT!***

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE! FOLKS, IT IS TIME for us all to SOUND OFF!** HSUS is alive and hard at work in Mississippi, my friends. **This year, an Animal Cruelty law WILL pass in the Mississippi Legislature with a felony provision targeting only dog and cat owners.** It is inevitable. Although we do have many, many concerns with this bill, we at MCCI are working hard to try to amend that bill so that at least when we're accused we can maintain ownership of our dogs as we defend ourselves in court.

In the previous years of fighting animal rights backed bills, **MS Farm Bureau** has been a strong ally of dog and cat owners. But THIS YEAR, **MS FARM BUREAU STRUCK A DEAL WITH HSUS**, throwing dog and cat owners to the wolves!!! **Their DEAL was UNDERHANDED.** Their media machines have been one-sided and a threat to our cause. **The LEGISLATURE WAS LIED TO – THE LEGISLATORS LIED TO ONE ANOTHER – THE LEGISLATORS LIED TO ALL OF US - AND DOG AND CAT OWNERS HAVEN'T STOOD A CHANCE BEHIND THE CLOSED DOOR POLITICAL TACTICS SEEN IN THIS SESSION.**

**IT WAS REPORTED BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE JUDICIARY B COMMITTEE that "COMPROMISE HAD BEEN REACHED BY ALL PARTIES." THIS IS NOT TRUE!** *We were not a part of the "COMPROMISE."* **Mississippi dog and cat owners were not even asked to sit at the table!" Our concerns were never addressed in the House. THE COMPROMISE WAS BETWEEN HSUS AND MS FARM BUREAU only!**

As stated, it is INEVITABLE that an Animal Cruelty Bill will pass in MS during this legislative session. **WE MUST FIGHT for our rights as dog and cat owners**, as this is only a baby step toward what HSUS has in store for MS. NOW is our LAST CHANCE to try to get our House of Representatives to make MAJOR and NECESSARY CHANGES TO SB2821. If the Bill goes back to the Senate in its present form, it will likely be passed in this form. **We must get something passed that we can at least all live with.**

### **MAJOR CONCERNS Regarding SB2821 as amended by House AG ARE:**

- 1.** The seizure statute amendment to 97-41-2 that is in Senator Dearing's bill, SB2821PS, as it passed the Senate HAS BEEN TOTALLY OMITTED FROM THIS HOUSE BILL. The seizure bond provision in current MS law is like the one HSUS had written into the Louisville KY animal ordinance. The seizure bond provision in that statute was ruled "UNCONSTITUTIONAL" by Federal Judge Charles R. Simpson, III, in *Louisville Kennel Club, et al. v. Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government*, October 2, 2009.
- 2.** Section 1, Paragraph 8 of SB2821 is a provision for registration of animal protection organizations other than government animal control facilities and mandatory sterilization of dogs and cats by those animal protection organizations. This provision will have the unintended (maybe NOT so unintended since the HSUS member shelters apparently are not included) consequence of literally destroying the small organizations within the state that do most of the real work of animal welfare. Within the sterilization provision, there is a total lack of exemption for old dogs and dogs with health issues that put them at risk for complications and death due to an unwise surgery. In addition, there is no exemption for a dog or cat that is reclaimed by its owner, perhaps a breeder or fancier. The entire provision is badly worded and certain parts are extremely vague. For example, the lack of a definition for "physical facility" makes it unclear for the animal protection organization targeted by these provisions to know if it is even covered. That term could well mean a foster home. Since most foster homes are unwilling to let either the government or animal rightists invade their privacy, it will mean loss of volunteers to do the work. Sterilization has NOTHING to do with an Animal Cruelty Bill. This provision should not even be in the bill.

**SOUND OFF TODAY! IT'S TIME TO REALLY MAKE OUR PRESENCE KNOWN!!!** Call each Member of the Mississippi House of Representatives TODAY! Starting with Rep. Brandon Jones, who will probably handle the bill on the floor of the House. This bill is being pushed through the Mississippi House of Representatives in spite of the opposition of dog and cat owners, breeders, fanciers and rescuers. **SB2821 WILL go to the floor on or before Wednesday March 2, 2011.** We need for you to get on the horn NOW and contact each and every House Member to OPPOSE the bill for the issues listed above, and anything else that concerns you in this bill. The actual amended Bill itself can be found at:

**[http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2011/pdf/ham/SB2821\\_H\\_Cmte\\_Amend\\_01.pdf](http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2011/pdf/ham/SB2821_H_Cmte_Amend_01.pdf)**

**Mississippi Canine Coalition, Inc.**

*Proud Supporter of Animal Welfare and Fierce Opponent of Animal Rights*

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*ROSTER ATTACHED*

**JOIN US IN THE FIGHT** to ensure that our rights are not violated! TELL THEM that we OPPOSE SB2821, AS WRITTEN.

**SUGGESTED COMMENTS TO MAKE TO THE REPRESENTATIVES [Please Keep It Clean Folks]:**

**Mississippi Residents:** “My name is: \_\_\_\_; I am from: \_\_\_\_ and I can be reached at \_\_\_\_ [phone number]. I OPPOSE, as written, the House Committee Amendment No. 1 to SB2821. I am very concerned about certain things about SB2821, as it passed out of the House of Representatives. Some of them are \_\_\_\_\_ (PICK FROM OUR LIST or FORM YOUR OWN).

**Out of State Visitors to the State of Mississippi – You Can Help Too!** “My name is: \_\_\_\_; I am from: \_\_\_\_ and I can be reached at \_\_\_\_ [phone number]. I OPPOSE, as written, the House Committee Amendment No. 1 to SB2821. While visiting Hattiesburg, MS, this (or this past) weekend for a dog show I learned that the MS Legislature is considering passing an animal cruelty bill, SB2821. As a regular visitor to this State for dog events for registered canines, I am contacting you regarding my concerns about this Bill. Canine events held in Mississippi generate a great deal of revenue for the state in the form of travel expenses, lodging, entertainment and shopping, not only by devoted entrants who travel across the nation, but also by the handlers, event workers and spectators and guests. Should this bill pass as written now, it will put my dogs at far too much risk for me to compete in Mississippi. I will not be back here to spend my money.

I am very concerned about important issues contained in SB2821, as it passed out of the House Ag Committee. (PICK A COUPLE OF TALKING POINTS FROM THE CONCERNS LISTED ABOVE or FORM YOUR OWN).

**ROSTER ON SEPARATE SHEET – Mississippi House of Representatives**  
**PLEASE TRY TO CALL ALL OR AS MANY AS YOU CAN!**

**ROSTER – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE – Revised 2-26-11**

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1	Lester Carpenter	Burnsville	662-427-8281		601-359-3374
2	Harvey Moss	Corinth	662-287-4689	662-287-6590	601-359-3333
3	William McCoy	Rienzi	662-728-6434	601-359-3300	601-359-3300
4	Greg Ward *, ***	Ripley	662-837-4416	662-837-3615	601-359-3332
5	Kelvin Buck *, **	Holly Springs	662-252-2899	901-323-2430	601-359-3331
6	Forrest Hamilton	Olive Branch	662-895-5765	662-893-7400	601-359-2461
7	Wanda Jennings *, ***	Southaven	662-349-3673		601-359-9397
8	Larry Baker	Senatobia	662-562-6706	662-560-7075	601-359-3770
9	Clara Burnett *, **	Tunica	662-363-1730	662-363-2531	601-359-2422
10	Warner McBride ***	Courtland	662-563-9607	662-563-5023	601-359-3355
11	Dr. Joe Gardner *	Batesville	662-563-7751	662-578-4300	601-359-3351
12	Noal Akins *, **	Oxford	662-236-2473		601-359-3770
13	Jack Gadd **	Hickory Flat	662-333-4233	662-291-4233	601-359-2424
14	Margaret Rogers **	New Albany	662-534-8886		601-359-3353
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16	Steve Holland ***	Plantersville	662-844-2004	662-840-5000	601-359-3320
17	Brian Aldridge	Tupelo	662-842-0401	662-841-5833	601-359-3373
18	Jerry Turner	Baldwyn	662-365-5135	662-365-8484	601-359-3770
19	Mark DuVall **	Mantachie	662-282-7535	662-231-9898	601-359-4073
20	Jimmy Puckett *	Amory	662-256-9423		601-359-4085
21	Donnie Bell **	Fulton	601-862-3385		601-359-9395
22	Preston Sullivan ***	Okolona	662-447-5719		601-359-3340
23	Jim Beckett **	Bruce	662-983-2451	662-983-7358	601-359-3770
24	Sid Bondurant	Grenada	662-226-3245	662-226-5121	601-359-3770
25	John Mayo *	Clarksdale	662-624-4706	662-902-8633	601-359-3321
26	Chuck Espy	Clarksdale		662-627-4182	601-359-2421
27	Ferr Smith **	Carthage	601-267-9510	601-859-6500	601-359-9391
28	David Norquist	Cleveland	662-843-9183	662-843-6171	601-359-3343
29	Linda F. Coleman *, ***	Mound Bayou	662-741-3272	662-843-5253	601-359-3366
30	Robert Huddleston ***	Sumner	662-375-8692		601-359-3363
31	Sara Thomas*	Indianola	662-887-2628		601-359-9465
32	Willie Perkins	Greenwood	662-453-4108	662-455-1211	601-359-3014
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34	Linda Whittington *	Schlater	662-658-1241		601-359-2845
35	Dannie Reed **	Ackerman	662-285-3769	662-285-3769	601-359-3770
36	David Gibbs ***	West Point	662-494-6559		601-359-3337
37	Gary Chism	Columbus	662-328-7769	662-327-0777	601-359-3770
38	Tyrone Ellis	Starkville	662-323-6564	662-324-5433	601-359-5335
39	Jeff Smith	Columbus	662-327-0407	662-328-2711	601-359-3770
40	Ted Mayhall	Southaven	662-393-2069	901-734-9540	601-359-3770
41	Ester Harrison *, **	Columbus	662-327-5294		601-359-9390
42	Reecy Dickson *, ***	Macon	662-352-6582	662-352-6582	601-359-9473
43	Russ Nowell *	Louisville	662-773-4702	662-773-3021	601-359-3770
44	C. Scott Bounds	Philadelphia	601-656-1765	601-389-9675	601-359-3770
45	Bennett Malone ***	Carthage			601-359-3367
46	Bobby Howell	Kilmichael	662-262-7171	662-262-4220	601-359-3770
47	Bryant Clark *	Pickens	662-834-4074	662-834-6133	601-359-4083
48	Mary Ann Stevens ***	West	662-967-2473		601-359-2433
49	Willie Bailey	Greenville	662-335-5310	662-335-1966	601-359-1541
50	John Hines ***	Greenville	662-335-9704	662-334-9444	601-359-4075
51	Rufus Straughter *, ***	Belzoni	662-247-2728	662-836-9235	601-359-3396
52	Tommy Woods	Byhalia	662-838-6201	901-489-3090	601-359-3466
53	Bobby Moak	Bogue Chitto		800-595-6244	601-359-2860
54	Alex Monsour	Vicksburg		601-415-7274	601-359-3770
55	George Flaggs ***	Vicksburg		601-630-8004	601-359-3328
56	Philip Gunn	Clinton	601-924-8438	601-355-8321	601-359-3770
57	Edward Blackmon	Canton	601-859-4202	601-859-1567	601-359-3388
58	Rita Martinson ***	Madison	601-856-4977	601-856-4977	601-359-2438
59	Kevin McGee *, **	Brandon	601-829-9701	601-939-4910	601-359-3770
60	John Moore	Brandon	601-825-5031	601-591-4100	601-359-3311
61	Ray Rogers	Pearl	601-939-9633	601-939-9633	601-359-2426
62	Tom Weathersby *, ***	Florence	601-845-2017	601-845-2017	601-359-4076
63	Walter Robinson	Bolton	601-866-7973	601-866-7011	601-359-3364
64	Bill Denny ***	Jackson	601-956-6807	601-956-6807	601-359-2431
65	Mary Coleman ***	Jackson	601-982-0496	601-362-8105	601-359-3336
66	Cecil Brown *, **, ***	Jackson	601-362-8383	601-982-4123	601-359-3330
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70	Jim Evans **	Jackson	601-353-7464	601-948-0517	601-359-3349
71	Adrienne Wooten	Canton	601-502-2444	601-859-1567	601-359-2420
72	Kimberly C. Buck *, **	Jackson	601-982-4277	601-956-5771	601-359-2418
73	Jim Ellington	Raymond	601-857-0906		601-359-2430
74	Mark Baker	Brandon	601-824-3297	601-824-7455	601-359-3770
75	Tracy Arinder ***	Morton	601-732-6561	601-732-2626	601-359-2419
76	Greg Holloway, Sr. *, **	Hazlehurst	601-894-4228	601-359-3305	601-359-5334
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78	Billy Nicholson	Little Rock	601-774-5220	601-774-8254	601-359-4082
79	Blaine "Bo" Eaton ***	Taylorville	601-785-4662	601-260-3278	601-359-3334
80	Omeria Scott ***	Laurel	601-649-7677		601-359-3362
81	Steve Horne **	Meridian	601-644-9974	601-482-1456	601-359-3770
82	Wilbert Jones **	Meridian	601-482-4539	601-693-0151	601-359-3770
83	Greg Snowden	Meridian	601-483-8809	601-693-5700	601-359-3770
84	Tad Campbell **	Meridian	601-737-4211	601-737-4211	601-359-3770
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88	Gary Staples **	Laurel	601-649-4972		601-359-3770
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90	Joe Warren *, ***	Mount Olive	601-797-4702	601-797-4919	601-359-3359
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94	Robert Johnson	Natchez	601-445-5690	601-442-9371	601-359-9485
95	Jessica Upshaw	Diamondhead	228-255-6619	228-867-6005	601-359-4084
96	Angela Cockerham	Magnolia	601-783-4979	601-783-6600	601-359-9394
97	Sam Mims	McComb	601-684-0281		601-359-2430
98	David Myers *	McComb	601-684-1709	601-684-4000	601-359-3371
99	Bill Pigott	Tylertown	601-876-5100		601-359-9489
100	Ken Morgan	Morgantown	601-736-9688	601-736-4136	601-359-3770
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102	Toby Barker *, **	Hattiesburg	601-307-3802		601-359-2436
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108	Mark Formby	Picayune	601-798-8917	601-798-3800	601-359-3339
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110	Billy Broomfield *, **	Moss Point	228-475-1293		601-359-9382
111	Brandon Jones *	Pascagoula	228-326-7649	228-769-1989	601-359-3354
112	John Read ***	Gautier	228-497-9852	228-497-4090	601-359-3338
113	Hank Zuber	Ocean Springs	228-875-4866	228-875-1097	601-576-2508
114	Jeffrey Guice	Ocean Springs	228-872-2994	228-875-1131	601-359-3770
115	Randall Patterson	Biloxi	228-348-2170	228-432-8480	601-359-4074
116	Casey Eure	Biloxi	228-297-2849	228-297-2849	601-359-3770
117	Scott DeLano	Biloxi	228-388-8087	228-806-7418	601-359-3770
118	Roger Ishee **, ***	Gulfport	228-864-4975	228-860-3017	601-359-3770
119	Frances Fredericks	Gulfport	228-864-9319	228-864-9319	601-359-9466
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121	Diane Peranich ***	Pass Christian	228-255-7020		601-359-3131
122	J. P. Compretta	Bay St. Louis	228-467-7618	228-467-1010	601-359-3304